

SENIOR TIMES

**"OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH
FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE"**

FEBRUARY 2026 Newsletter - Turlock Branch #143

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Message From The Big Sir...

How Do Old Men Have Fun?



People ask us that sometimes—usually with a concerned look, as if fun expired somewhere around retirement. The truth is, **old men have plenty of fun... we've just refined it.**

We don't need loud music or late nights (though naps are now considered an extreme sport). Our fun comes from good conversation, shared laughs, and not having to be anywhere at a specific time—unless lunch is involved.

At SIR, fun looks like:

Solving the world's problems over coffee
A golf shot that was exactly how we planned it (once a round counts)

A speaker who teaches us something new—or at least gives us a good story.

Friendly competition where bragging rights matter more than prizes.

And, most important, showing up and being counted.

We've learned that fun isn't about age—it's about connection. It's about getting out of the house, seeing familiar faces, welcoming new ones, and reminding ourselves that retirement isn't an ending—it's a new chapter with fewer rules.

So how do old men have fun?

**We join SIR.
We laugh.
We participate.
We keep moving—
physically, socially,
and mentally.
And we do it together.**

**Dan Gorman
Big Son In Retirement
Big Sir**

**To open the SIR
BRANCH 143
WEBSITE Click
on QR Code.**



REMEMBER SIR LUNCHEON

**It is Now Time to pay
your SIR Dues for 2026
DUES ARE NOW \$40 for the year**

**please send your check
(\$40 made out to "SIR") to: Leonard Zumstein
2645 Mira Flores, Turlock, CA 95380**



SIR TRAVEL

Travel Chairman John Cardoza



16 NIGHT HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE

**ABOARD THE
RUBY PRINCESS
ROUND TRIP
SAN FRANCISCO
OCTOBER 23 to
NOVEMBER 8, 2026**



A \$500 pp deposit
is required to
reserve a cabin.

PORTS OF CALL

**Hilo, Big Island/Kahuli, Maui/Honolulu,
Oahu/ Nawiliwili, Kauai and
Ensenada, Mexico**

TOUR FEATURES:

Round Trip from Turlock and Modesto Area to Cruise Terminal in San Francisco. **16 Night HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE** aboard the **RUBY PRINCESS** including shipboard meals, entertainment and shipboard activities. Includes Port Taxes.

STATEROOMS & PRICES:

**OCEAN VIEW \$3750 PP DBL. -
BALCONY BB \$4790 PP DBL -
MINI-SUITE MB \$6055 PP DBL**



QUESTIONS? Please contact John Cardoza (209) 483-7722

SIR 143 - 2026 OFFICERS

Working For You!



Dan Gorman
Big Sir



Ken Gomes
Little Sir



Rock Libby
Secretary



Greg Back
Assistant Secretary



Leonard Zumstein
Treasurer



John Cardoza
Travel Chairman



Mike Johnson
Membership



Fred Courter
Newsletter



Al Kusters
Assistant Treasurer



Gary Toombs
Dine Out - Activities

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Mira Flores, Turlock,
CA 95380

NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at
MY GARDEN CAFE
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20th

Meeting Starts at 8:30am
Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am

SIR BRANCH #143
BOWLING EVERY
TUESDAY, 1pm \$14



at McHenry Bowl
CONTACT:
Tom Mickelson
209-632-2917

Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting

My Garden Cafe, Turlock

JANUARY 23, 2026 - 8:30AM

Meeting called to order at 8:21 AM

Officers present: Dan Gorman, Ken Gomes, Rock Libby, Leonard Zumstein, Roger Jackson, Bob Holly, Fred Courter, Mike Johnson, Al Kusters and Ken Kajioka.

Guests: None

Quorum: Secretary Rock Libby reported that a quorum is present.

Secretary Report:

A motion to approve the Minutes from the last BEC Meeting as emailed by Greg Back and published in the newsletter was made by Bob Holly. The motion received a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Roger Jackson. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Leonard Zumstein reported that the Quarterly Assessment of \$285 representing 83 members was paid. The Form 29 has been completed and submitted. The report indicates:

Checkbook balance \$4,298.83

Savings \$0

Petty Cash \$ 275.00

Total Cash \$4,573.83

Receipts include \$ 680.00 Dues

Disbursements include \$1,440 in Special Activities (Ladies Luncheon at Covenant Village) Receipts presented at the meeting for payment included \$47.24 by Al Kusters for postage and \$23.63 for Newsletter printing by Fred Courter. A motion to approve the report was made by Ken Gomes with a first by Bob Holly and second by Roger Jackson. The motion was passed.

Membership Report: Mike Johnson reports we currently have 86 Members. Attendance at our Wednesday (1/21) Meeting included 35 Members, 3 Guests and one Speaker, total 39. We had no inductions and received applications for Ray Reed and Tony Bianchi. Those applications were approved with a motion by Bob Holly, a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Roger Jackson. This brings our membership count to 88.

Activity Reports:

Bocce Ball: Mike Johnson reports a normal turnout of 8 members and recently as many as 12. A good time is generally had by all. Ken Kajioka suggests that prospective members attend Bocce Ball or some other activity prior to submitting their applications to give them an idea of how our activities might appeal to them.

Golf: Ken Kajioka reports Golfers are playing in the fog.

RV: Roger Jackson reports he has 17 Rigs heading to Jackson Rancheria on his next outing and an additional 10 couples without RVs will be staying at the Casino. Dining run into a snag with these numbers attending in that there is no available seating for that many diners. The solution from the restaurant is to divide the group into 3 separate seatings at 4:00, 4:30 or 5:00. This is a less than desirable arrangement so the search is on for another venue.

Travel: Ken Kajioka discussed the trip to Sierra Repertory Theater on March 19th will feature Fiddler on the Roof with seats at \$32 for the 2:00 PM performance.

More Travel: Travel Chairman John Cardoza was absent but the October 2026 Hawaiian Cruise out of San Francisco is on with cabins available.

Dine Out: Gary Toombs was absent but our evening at First & Main on January 29th is on and looks to be a great time as are all our Dine Outs.

Recruitment: Chairman Rick Kindle was absent due to Knee Ops. There was discussion about dues collection and the suggestion that the late payers be approached by their sponsors.

Old Business: The Schedule of Branch Operations was discussed along with the schedule of 2026 Presenters recently sent out by Roger Jackson. The Evening at Castle Noz was discussed along with the menu, catered by Neto's, serving of alcohol to avoid and legal issues, the Band at \$600, and clean up committee. A motion to approve by Roger Jackson with 1st by Ken Kajioka and 2nd by Leonard Zumstein was approved. A motion to increase in the price of Castle Noz from \$45 to \$50 was made by Rock Libby and approved with a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Bob Holly.

New Business: Approval of the Fiddler on the Roof trip was made with a motion by Bob Holly, a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Ken Kajioka. A discussion re: Future December Ladies Day Roger Jackson moved that we consider Carnegie Arts Center and Samaritan Village. The motion had a 1st by Mike Johnson and 2nd by Bob Holly. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM

Respectfully submitted by Rock Libby, Secretary



What's Happening in the SIR #143

**OUR SPEAKER FOR JANUARY WAS
JASON HEDDEN, Police Chief City of Turlock**



Pictured left to right: Ken Gomes - Little Sir, **Jason Hedden-Police Chief**
City of Turlock and Roger Jackson, past Big Sir.

OUR BIGGEST EVENT OF YEAR...
CASTLE NOZ CELEBRATION

Fee: \$50 each

PUT IT ON YOUR 2026 CALENDAR:
MAY 22 - With "NO WAY BACK BAND"





SIR FIELD TRIPS

Jackson Rancheria

11407 Dalton Road, Jackson, CA 95642

**Deadline to book is
March 1, 2026**



Sunday, April 26 – Friday, May 1, 2026

1. Call to make your reservation:

(800) 822-9466

Mention you are with SIRS2026

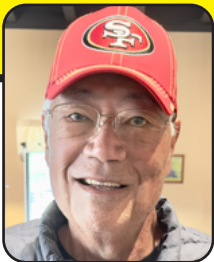
2. Once you have confirmed your reservation Call or text Roger, RV Chairman

209-658-2673 or Email: rogjaxn@me.com

3. IMPORTANT:

Reservations are transferrable:

Please call Roger before cancelling - 10 rigs = a 15% group discount



SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2026

DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	CART	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS	
Feb	2	Mon	9:00 SG	Jay	Elkhorn	\$50		\$10	\$60	Carts Included
	9	Mon	9:00 SG	Bob K	River Oaks	\$25	\$10	\$10	\$45	Carts Optional
	17	Tue	9:00 SG	Roger	Atwater	\$50		\$10	\$60	Carts Included
	23	Mon	9:00 SG	Jay	Dryden	\$31	\$20	\$10	\$61	Carts Optional
Mar	2	Mon	8:00 SG	Bob K	Pheasant Run	\$55		\$10	\$65	Carts Included
	9	Mon	8:00 SG	Roger	Creekside	\$33	\$20	\$10	\$63	Carts Optional
	16	Mon	8:00 SG	Jay	Tracy GC	\$53		\$10	\$63	Carts Included
	23	Mon	8:00 SG	Bob K	Dryden	\$31	\$20	\$10	\$61	Carts Optional
	30	Mon	8:00 SG	Roger	Swenson DP	\$48		\$10	\$58	Carts Included

GOLF

**Chairman
Ken Kajioka**

Every Thursday we will have Golf at Creekside Golf Course 9 hole or 18 hole, contact Ken Kajioka for more info or to sign-up. Also golf on Thursday at River Oaks \$7 for 9 holes (1 week in advance, contact Greg Back)

REMINDER: When you sign-up for golf it also means you will attend 50% of the luncheons Every Third Wednesday.

Our Speaker for the February Luncheon will be...

Anthony Butera

Anthony Butera will discuss why it is important to update our family beneficiary information and consider planning how we leave investments, houses, and other assets to family members, charity and so on. If time permits, investment considerations that are relevant to the current economic climate will be discussed.

Anthony Butera graduated from University of San Francisco with a bachelor's degree in economics and focused in Asian Pacific studies. Upon graduation he lived and worked mainly in Tokyo, Japan in

sales management in education for 11 years. He has been living in Modesto since 1995 and works in financial services by helping companies, their employees and families by providing financial education and benchmarking their current financial game plans in terms of hands-on service, growth and simplicity of processing transactions.

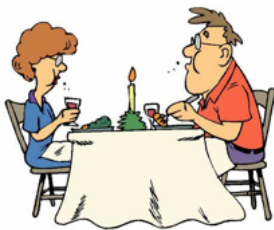
Within SIRS he has been Little SIR, BIG SIR and is currently our Area 18 Representative. He is married and they live along the Tuolumne River in Modesto with 2 dogs and 1 cat



SIRs can utilize the facility at John Thurman Field, including the popular Pavilion Deck at the opening day May 19, 2026. This is a fantastic chance to plan for a fun and engaging member event this spring. On this day SIR members can place their yard signs or banners at John Thurman Field and may be able to have a SIR display table as well.

Next AREA 18 Meeting March 20, 2026 - From 10:30m to 12pm - John Thurman Field, 601 Neece Dr. Modesto, CA

IT'S DINE-IN-DINE OUT TIME



Check Back in March for our next Dine Out



BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Jon Ellefson, Mike Johnson, Ken Edwards

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

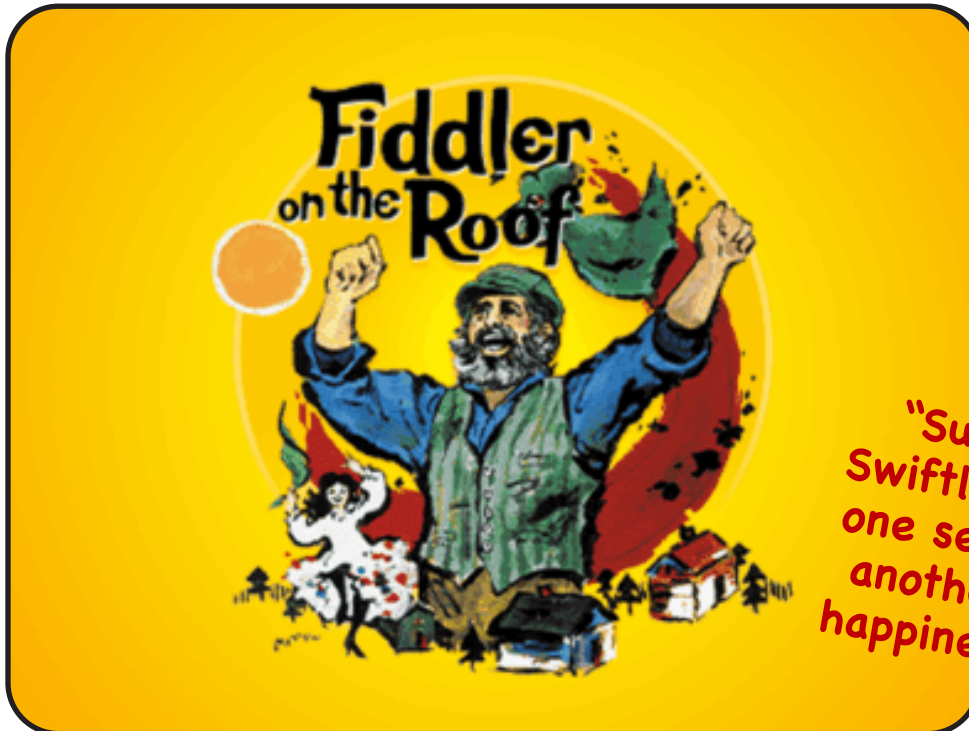
Edward Michalec, Roger Jackson



SIR FIELD TRIP

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

THURSDAY, MARCH 19th - 2:00 pm Seats \$32 each



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REP**

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Mono Way
Sonora Ca

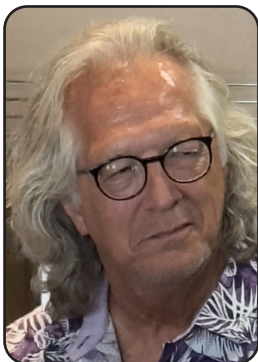
*"Sunrise, Sunset,
Swiftly Fly The Years
one season following
another laden with
happiness and tears"*

Set in the little village of Anatevka, Fiddler on the Roof tells the unforgettable story of Tevye the milkman, who struggles to protect his family and traditions in a rapidly changing world. With humor, heart, and humanity, this Tony Award winning classic captures the universal spirit of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives, and the timeless balancing act between holding onto the past and embracing the future.

DEADLINE TO PAY: FEBRUARY 18th
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "SIR"

Mail Check to Leonard Zumstein
2645 Mira Flores Way, Turlock, CA 95380

NOTE: LUNCH/DINNER OPEN



Kim Castro
Sunshine & Branch
Chaplain

Kim writes notes and sends cards to seriously sick members or recovering surgery, etc.

**COMING - FRIDAY,
MAY 22, 2026**
Castle Noz Dinner Activity
More Info To Come

Our new yard signs have arrived, and we are looking for some volunteers:

We need 4-5 members who will be in charge of 10 signs each. These can be placed in member's yards, preferably in high traffic areas, like Seniors walking routes, shopping centers, etc. and then keep track of the signs and move them every 30-60 days for maximum exposure.



Members who are willing to place signs in their yards. If you are willing drop an email to Rick at

rick@kindleandassoc.com
or call **209-652-8608**

and we will get a sign to you. I am proud of how the signs came out and we are hopeful we can gain some exposure to welcome in some new members.



FROM THE BOCCE BALL COURT

Join us for a funtime of Bocce
Ball 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday's
10am at Dust Bowl
Contact Mike Johnson
209-613-6801





TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN FOR 2026

Big Sir	Dan Gorman	404-3799
Little Sir	Ken Gomes	620-9420
Secretary	Rock Libby	634-6508
Assistant Secretary	Greg Back	585-6862
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	Al Kusters	408-691-8795
Membership	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Assistant Membership/Mailing	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Recruiting	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Bowling.....	Tom Mickelson	632-2917
Travel Chairman	John Cardoza	483-7722
Travel Assistant.....	OPEN	
Golf	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Assistant Golf	Al Kusters	408-691-8795
Sunshine	Kim Castro	613-5111
Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	202-1926
Bocce Ball.....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Chaplain	Kim Castro	613-5111
RV Chairman.....	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Assistant RV/Trail Boss.....	Ken Gomes	620-9420
Web Master	Greg Back	585-6862
Nominating Com. Chair	Bob Holly	688-2986
Activities Dining Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406

Directors: Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, John Cardoza,
Mike Johnson, Bob Holly, Roger Jackson

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